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Dr. Joshua Lederberg, Chairman  
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Dear Josh,

Ed Tatum raised with me recently the issue of an honorary degree from Columbia for B. O. Dodge. It seems our Botany Department has on several occasions made such a proposal to no avail. I am trying to reinitiate this nomination and have told our President that I have asked you to write an appraisal of Dodge's scholarly activities. I realize that such an award has little scientific value, but I do believe that the human aspect warrants your cooperation. I would very much appreciate it if you would write Grayson Kirk your thoughts on this matter.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Francis J. Ryan

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*P.S. It was good to hear your voice on the phone last week. - Regards to you & Esther  
Francis*